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SUBJECT: ARAFAT'S TRIP TO US

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CAIRO FOR THE SECRETARY'S PARTY

1. YOU SHOULD ASSURE FAHMY THAT USG IS MAKING EXTENSIVE PLANS FOR SECURITY PROTECTION OF ARAFAT AS WELL AS OTHER ARAB LEADERS WHO WILL ATTEND UPCOMING UNGA DEBATE ON PALESTINE. ARAFAT WILL BE GIVEN TYPE OF FULL SECRET SERVICE PROTECTION WHICH IS GIVEN TO HIGH-LEVEL VISTORS; US WILL ASSUME FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR ARAFAT'S SECURITY AND IN CIRCUMSTANCES HE WILL NOT REQUIRE HIS OWN BODYGUARDS; LIKEWISE, FOLLOWING NORMAL PRACTICE FOR SUCH VISITS, OTHER MEMBERS OF PLO DEL WILL BE GIVEN EXTENSIVE PROTECTION BY STATE DEPT SECURITY AND NEW YORK CITY POLICE. HOWEVER, WE
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RECOGNIZE SERIOUSNESS OF ARAFAT'S CONCERNS ABOUT SECURITY

AND ARE ANXIOUS TO UNDERTAKE SOONEST DISCUSSIONS ON SECURITY WITH HIS STAFF IN ORDER TO INSURE BEST POSSIBLE PROTECTION FOR WHOLE PLO DELEGATION.

2. DEPT ACCORDINGLY WISHES UNDERTAKE THIS SECURITY PLANNING WITHIN NEXT FEW DAYS. THEREFORE, WE NEED SOONEST DESIGNATION BY ARAFAT OF PLO SECURITY COORDINATORS TO COME TO US FOR CONSULTATION WITH US SECURITY AUTHORITIES.

3. EMBASSY INSTRUCTED TO ASK FAHMY FOR NAMES OF ADVANCE SECURITY TEAM AUTHORIZED TO DISCUSS SPECIAL SECURITY MEASURES.

4. ADVANCE SECURITY TEAM NAMED BY ARAFAT FOR THIS PURPOSE SHOULD BE LIMITED IN NUMBER, AND MAY BE CONSIDERED MEMBERS OF OFFICIAL DELEGATION. QUESTION OF NUMBER AND FUNCTION OF OTHER PLO SECURITY OFFICIALS WILL BE DISCUSSED BY THEM WITH APPROPRIATE U.S. AUTHORITIES AFTER ARRIVAL.

5. TO ACCELERATE ARRIVAL, FULL NAMES AND VISA DATA PLUS PROBABLE PLACE OF APPLICATION OF ADVANCE SECURITY TEAM MEMBERS SHOULD BE SOUGHT FROM ARAFAT. WHILE WE ARE WILLING IN INTEREST OF SPEED TO RECEIVE THIS DATA FROM ARAFAT THROUGH GOE, SAME DATA SHOULD BE PASSED AUTHORITATIVELY BY ARAFAT TO UNSEC THROUGH PLO CHANNELS.

6. USUN SHOULD DISCUSS FOREGOING ARRANGEMENTS WITH UN SECRETARIAT. INGERSOLL

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